The Sweetness of Faith

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Mansoor: Baba, what does it mean to have the sweetness of faith?

Baba: That's a beautiful question, my dear. The Prophet ﷺ taught us that faith has a special sweetness. Do you remember when you tasted honey for the first time?

Mansoor: Yes, Baba! It was so sweet and made me really happy.

Baba: Just like honey brings joy to our taste, true faith brings joy to our hearts. The Prophet ﷺ said that three qualities give us this sweetness of faith.

Mansoor: What are they, Baba?

Baba: The first is to love Allah and His Messenger ﷺ more than anything else.

Mansoor: More than my toys?

Baba: Yes, more than toys, games, or even your favorite sweets! When we love Allah the most, we listen to Him and follow His guidance with happiness.

Mansoor: What's the second one, Baba?

Baba: The second is to love someone only for the sake of Allah. This means we should care for people not because of what they give us but because Allah loves those who are kind and sincere.

Mansoor: Like when I play with my friend Ahmed, not because he shares his toys, but because I want to be a good friend?

Baba: Exactly, my son! When we love someone for Allah's sake, our friendship becomes special and strong.

Mansoor: And the third one?

Baba: The third is to dislike returning to disbelief as much as one would hate to be thrown into fire. This means that once we know the truth of Islam, we should hold onto it tightly and never let go.

Mansoor: How can I hold onto it, Baba?

Baba: By praying, reading the Quran, being truthful, and always remembering Allah. The more we do these things, the sweeter our faith becomes.

Mansoor: I want my faith to be as sweet as honey, Baba!

Baba: Then keep loving Allah, caring for others, and holding onto your faith. That is the true sweetness of Iman.